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The Town

By Sue Protheroe

Bylaws, Community Center Driveway

Gary Shaw of the Park Commission reported that they are suggesting an amendment to the current bylaw that prohibits dogs on the town beach or in town parks to state that dogs are prohibited from all town parks and the town beach except where designated that dogs are allowed. Select Board member Wayne Burkhart asked if the Park Commission can just make regulations in lieu of revising bylaws; this will be looked into. Select Board member Scott Jenssen asked if the Park Commission would manage the Community Center dog park once it becomes a park; Shaw felt that it would

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Fire Chief Ray Tryon Announces His Retirement

The year the Great Depression ended, in 1943, was the year his great calling began. Raymond Tryon was thirteen and doing what thirteen-year-olds did on a weekday in spring. He was dutifully sitting in the classroom at

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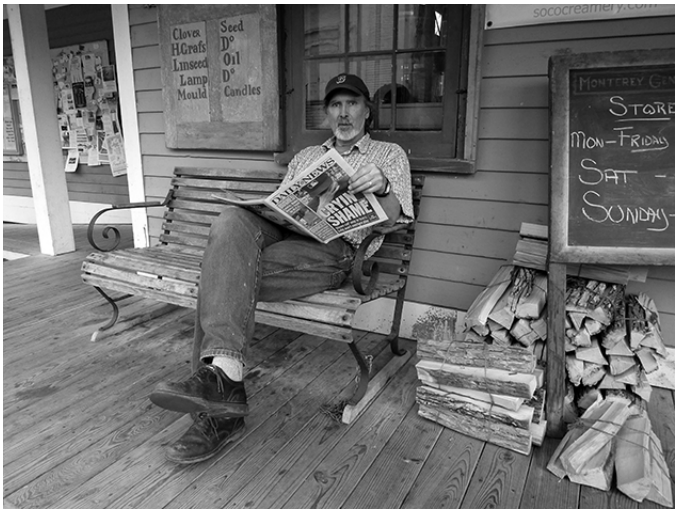
Pablo Cazzulino
Jean Germain



Maureen Banner
Barbara Palmer

Monterey, Summer 2010 (cw from top left): LakeFest; the library benefit book sale; Bidwell House 20th anniversary benefit gala garden party at Fiddletop; unknown loiterer on General Store porch (oh, it's you, Kenn).

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fall under the Commission's jurisdiction, but the Massachusetts General Laws will be consulted for clarification.

After weeks of discussion, the Select Board approved locating the Community Center driveway (at the former Wilson-McLaughlin property) off of Route 23, following the proposal made by Director of Operations Maynard Forbes and Joe Baker of the Wilson-McLaughlin House Committee. Some trees along Route 23 will be cut down trees to provide more visibility. The funding of $25,000 was approved at the town meeting in May.

Corrections & Amplifications

The article on Jamie Vlcek in the August *Monterey News* incorrectly stated that she is the only licensed professional on staff at Gould Farm; she is the only licensed medical professional on staff, not the only licensed professional.

In the front-page picture caption of the August issue, Amy Enoe, on the back row, was incorrectly listed as Amy Ehoe. Governor Robert Bradford was visiting Monterey while (what else?) campaigning for reelection in the fall 1948 election; he lost and served only one term.

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Finances

The Select Board met with Town Accountant Steven Pullen and members of the Finance Committee to address several issues. There had been concern about the $16,000 overage for the Fire Department in fiscal year 2010, and Steve had analyzed the number of Fire Department calls, and the money paid out for each call. This amount also includes education. The analysis showed that there were more calls and more men on average showing up for calls, and that there was also an increase in firefighters joining the department. Select Board member Wayne Burkhart wondered if there is enough money in the 2011 budget to cover expenses should a similar situation arise this year. The Finance Committee said that when they had budget discussions in February, Fire Chief Ray Tryon did not ask for an increase, stating he felt that the $60,000 budget was enough.

The Finance Committee felt that the Fire Chief should be consulted about how he will adjust his expenditures so that he doesn't go over budget again. A transfer from the reserve fund was approved to cover the FY 2010 overage. The Board also noted that Fire Department officers get paid a stipend in addition to per call pay, amounting to $8,400 a year and questioned whether such officer compensation was appropriate for a "volunteer" fire company. It was agreed that a public meeting with the Fire Chief was in order.

Another issue was the appropriateness of the $400 expenditure Building Commissioner Don Torrico had made for clothing (four pairs of pants, a jacket, and fifteen embroidered shirts) using money from his 2010 budget. When questioned about it, Torrico pointed out that he had been receiving this benefit for uniforms for the last five years. Some Select Board and Finance Committee members questioned supplying a uniform to the Building Commissioner, but agreed to pay it this time. It will be discussed again during the next budgeting process.

This led to taking a look at the $1000 bill received for new firemen uniforms for events such as parades. This issue will be discussed at a later date with the Fire Department.

Police Blotter

- Tree down across Beartown Mountain Road.
- Motor vehicle accident, Main Road; logging trucks following too closely, crunched boat and trailer.
- Medical emergency, Camp Half Moon.
- Abandoned 911 calls—Camp Half Moon, Fairview Road.
- Report of phone scam.
- Cat missing; cat came back.
- Tree down on wires, Camp Half Moon.
- Lost dog with no collar; dog returned.

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(*Tryon, cont. from p. 1*)
the Monterey School wishing he were somewhere else.

A report of a grassfire by Lake Garfield provided him the opportunity to make a quick getaway. Since most able-bodied men were in the armed services at the time, the fire engine pulled to a stop in front of the school hoping for help. Ray hopped in. Three hours later the fire was out, and he wore the acrid smell of smoke on his clothes like a badge of courage as he made his way back home on Main Road, mindful—grateful—of having bypassed the normal processes of formal schooling and instruction, at least for a day.

He was hooked. In a flash, summoned out of necessity, his firefighting career in Monterey had begun. Now, come September 1, after sixty-eight years of service in the Monterey Fire Department—fifty-six of which he's served as chief—Ray will retire, a move that will surely prompt a collective community double-take since a fire department without Ray Tryon's shoulder to the wheel seems inconceivable.

Is he ill? No. He's suffers no ailment that two pills a day can't handle.

Is he tired? No. He still has a mind like a steel trap, can still dance most anyone under the table.

Is he unhappy? No. He's grateful, truly grateful, to the townspeople for all their support throughout the years and to all his well-wishers of recent weeks.

"I feel real good about this," Ray says. "I've even surprised myself. For years I've gone to retirement parties for other chiefs in the region and thought to myself, 'I'm not ever going to retire because I hate these parties,' but it's time now."

And, yes, there'll be a party—on September 4—a picnic in his honor for friends, family, fellow fire chiefs and firefighters. He'll grin and bear it. Steering clear of the sort of sentimentality an occasion like this can spawn, his ground rule is that it doesn't get *too* hokey.

Felix Carroll

After 68 years in the Monterey Fire Department, 56 of them as chief, Ray Tryon is retiring.

But that may be difficult. Since before most Monterey residents were even born, Ray has been the town's unflappable fixed point.

In fire department matters, he's kept up with the times, ensuring that the department has the best training and modern equipment. He led the town-wide effort in the early 1980s to build a fire station that will continue to serve the town's needs for decades to come.

"Ray has built a department that has the respect of every chief in the county," says Great Barrington's fire chief, Harry Jennings. "Plus, he's a smart old man. You can learn a lot from Ray—you know, about life in general. He's been around."

That no one expects his retirement to mark a wrenching transformation in fire company operations is, in itself, a credit to the man. While he's certainly fit the role of the hard-charging leader, he's surrounded himself with a crew who has the brains, brawn, and training to require little or no handholding.

"No man is irreplaceable, including me," Ray says. "A good chief has a lot of great Indians. That's the key to a good fire company. This is a fire company that trains and trains and trains, and the truth of it is, it's gotten to the point where, when we respond to a call, I have little to do because we have a crew of guys who can do what needs to be done instinctively at this point."

The fire company has selected Ray's

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grandson, Shawn Tryon, a fifteen-year veteran of the department, as his successor.

The department responds to about one hundred fire, rescue, and medical calls a year. Answering medical calls is what Ray will miss most. "I get satisfaction from helping people," he says. "And many times with the medical calls, it's the family members of the patient who are having the hardest time, and I think we do a good job calming people's frayed nerves and making people feel better in difficult situations."

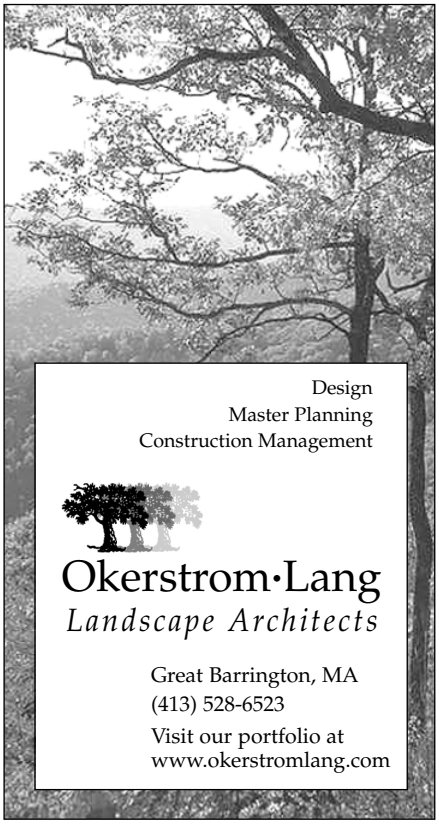
It goes without saying that Ray will still be around. He'll still march in parades in his Class-A uniform. He'll still be a member of the Monterey Fire Company, LTD. Arguably, he'll still be the best dancer at the annual Firemen's Ball. He'll focus more time on his hobby of collecting and restoring antique Caterpillar crawler tractors.

"I grew up with these old critters, and I know them," he says.

He also hopes to begin sharing stories in future editions of the *Monterey News*. After all, Ray has been around.

— Felix Carroll

Felix Carroll is a firefighter in the Monterey Fire Department.



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- Report of telephone pole fire.
- Assisted Great Barrington Police Department with a vehicle on Pixley Road that refused to stop.
- False alarms, Beartown Mountain Road, Northeast Cove.
- Assisted Otis Police Department with a road detour occasioned by a rollover.
- Assisted Fire Department with a medical call, Tyringham Road.
- Assisted New Marlborough with a mentally challenged individual causing a disturbance in Monterey.
- Attendant gave police the license plate number of an individual causing a disturbance at the transfer station.
- Person on Chestnut Hill Road was pinned under lawn mower while mowing.
- Assist to a person who had fallen, Rockwell Road.
- Recurring domestic situation on Pixley Road. Restraining order; police accompanied resident to get belongings.
- Person illegally camping at town beach; tent was confiscated. Chief Gareth Backhaus said that camping is not allowed anywhere in Monterey except at the campground in Beartown State Forest.
- False 911 calls; Point and Sylvan Roads, and Mt. Hunger Estates; all misdials.
- Motor vehicle lockout, Hupi Road.
- Person on Gould Road reported missing from residence; was later found in Great Barrington, and connected to a break-in. Some of the stolen items were recovered in the person's home in Monterey.
- Rollover, Pixley Road.
- Illegal dumping, Main Road.

Please pay attention to the posted speed limits when driving in our town. There have been several complaints of cars travelling at high speed, especially on New Marlborough Road. If you don't see a sign, assume the speed limit is 40 mph.

Highways and Operations

The salt shed at the town garage has been completed. An inauguration ceremony will be held on Monday, September 20, at 7 pm. The public is invited.

The culvert on Fairview Road had to be dug out after being plugged up by beavers. Culverts will be replaced on short Hupi Road and on Beartown Mountain Road. Holes are being patched on Route 23.

Michael Storch of the Finance Committee and Director of Operations Maynard Forbes attended a meeting regarding state funds available for the resurfacing of Route 23. Sarah Hudson from Tyringham had attended a Board meeting requesting that Monterey support Lee's request for state funds to repair the Lee end of Tyringham Road; the Select Board noted that because we have our own $2.3 request to repair Route 23, and because funds are limited, we would not be able to do this.

The transfer station seems to be in much better shape. It was noted that the

town receives approximately $2,500 from MRF for one-half year of recyclables.

Forbes noted that all the flags on Main Road were scheduled to come down in August, and that the torn ones will be replaced next year.

Forbes will get an estimate for central air conditioning for the town offices; if the Board wants to proceed, he will get three written bids from three vendors.

This and That

Dan Moriarty reported that he had cleared the outlet at Lake Buel and had taken photos of the Konkapot River through the wetlands in New Marlborough. He said that major vegetative debris has been thrown into the Konkapot at this location. A team of engineers will shoot a satellite model identifying the Konkapot restrictions, with a view to ameliorating future flooding.

The Board agreed to participate in the MMA sixth grade annual essay contest.

Pat Andrus and Kathleen Purcell of Main Road told the Select Board they cannot understand how people on their left and right have DSL but they don't.

The Board accepted Laurily Epstein's resignation from the Cultural Council. ॐ

Brett Road Historical Walk with Bernard Drew

Put on your deerstalker cap and join local historian Bernard Drew on Sunday, September 19, at 1 pm for a woodland walk on an abandoned section of Brett Road in Arthur Warton Swann State Forest in Monterey. Walkers will search for evidence of three centuries: a Revolutionary War–era path (the Knox Trail), nineteenth-century industry (charcoaling), and twentieth-century forestry. The event is sponsored by the Monterey Historical Society and the Bidwell House Museum.

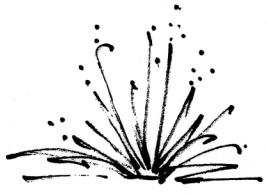
Who will discover the final historical remnant on the hike? Participants will follow a dirt road, but may venture off to examine features. The road is washed out in places and steep in one part. There will be two stream crossings over funky bridges.

The walk is two miles round-trip on an old, uneven woods road and will take about two hours. Good hiking shoes are advised. Meet at Swann Lodge: from Route 23 in Monterey, travel on Blue Hill Road west to Brett Road. Follow Brett Road to Swan Lodge and park in lot.

Monterey Cultural Council Wants Ideas

The Monterey Cultural Council would like to hear if you have a great idea for a program you would like to have happen here in Monterey. On September 16, in the Select Board's room at the town hall from 4 until 5 pm, if you have an idea, please come and tell us about it. You could also corral a Cultural Council member and tell one of us about it or email John Heffernan at jeh111@juno.com (phone: 413-644-9235).

In the planning stages are a November TBA Jane Kasten healing herbs demonstration and the second almost annual December 4th "Monterey Makers" artisans crawl (like a Pub Crawl, only better.)



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Talk on Monterey Cemeteries and Grave Markers Sept. 4

On Saturday, September 4, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Bidwell House Museum, Cynthia Tryon Hoogs, a Monterey native, genealogist, and cemetery historian, will give an illustrated talk featuring the four old cemeteries in Monterey. After the talk, she will lead a walk to the Old Center Cemetery and Woods Cemetery, where gravestones of many of the original proprietors and other early settlers of Monterey and Tyringham are located. Cindy published a listing of the gravestones of Monterey in 1985 and is presently working on updating this volume with verbatim tombstone inscriptions.

Picnic lunch available. Workshop donation $15, $10 for members. For more information, call the museum at 413-528-6888.

Historic Stone Wall Walk at Bidwell House Oct. 2

The Bidwell House Museum property includes over three miles of stone walls, some dating back to the late 1700s through middle 1800s. Saturday, On October 2, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Bidwell House, Rob Hoogs, president of the museum board and author of the Bidwell House Land History, will lead a walk highlighting the wide variety of stone wall types and historic construction techniques. Features of the walk will include the site of the original 1750 Meeting House, field walls, some up to five feet high, walls along the old main road to Stockbridge which transected the property, mystical stone cairns, and an old cellar hole. The walk is about two miles long, will take approximately two hours, and is moderately vigorous.

Bring hiking shoes, water, and insect repellant. $15 ($10 for members) donation to benefit the museum. Picnic lunch available. For more information: www.bidwellhousemuseum.org., 413-528-6888. Bidwell House Museum, 100 Art School Road, Monterey.

International Day of Peace Community Meditation

Everyone is invited to gather at the Lake Garfield Town Beach on Tuesday morning, September 21, in observance of International Day of Peace. We will meet at 7:45 am, as the sun rises over our beautiful and peaceful lake, for gentle music and fifteen minutes of silent, nondenominational prayer and meditation. You may want to bring a chair or blanket for sitting. In case of rain, meet in the church sanctuary.

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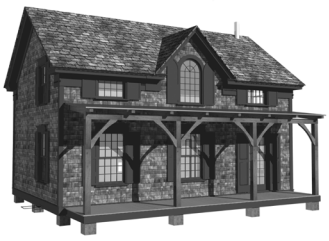

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From the Meetinghouse . . .

The 23rd psalm is familiar enough to be completely mundane. Except, of course, for what it actually says. Here's the King James version, the one most familiar to English speakers for the last few hundred years:

> The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou annointest my head with oil; My cup runneth over. Suely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

Like the men King James hired, people continue to try their hand at new versions of this song of trust and commitment. After a quick Google search, I found another version, this one from the Life Application Bible–NIV, at www.rwf2000.com/2000/23pslm.htm.

And here's my version of the poem, to add to the mix:

Creator of the Universe, as I accept my place in your care, I am completely fulfilled. You bring me out of the desert to rest in green, nourishing pastures. You lead me away from the undertow and teach me to drink from safe, still waters.

Your very presence restores my soul. You guide me in the paths of right-use-ness, for that is what it is your very nature to do. Even when I walk in the valley of the shadow of death, fear dissolves in your presence.

Too great for justice without mercy, too kind for feel-good sentiment, your rod of power and your staff of compassion are welded together as one.

You refuse anything less than what will actually, at least eventually, comfort me, whether I like the way you go about it, or not.

You prepare a table for me, right in front of everybody, whether they're looking or not.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows and your generosity seeps into the world.

You do the same for everybody, whether we notice or not.

Goodness and mercy follow wherever I go because, wherever I go, you are already there. Because you are already there, I dwell in the house of the Lord.

Not the barn; the house. Just like everybody else. There's nowhere else to go. Forever.

Baaa-a-a . . .

— Mary Kate Jordan

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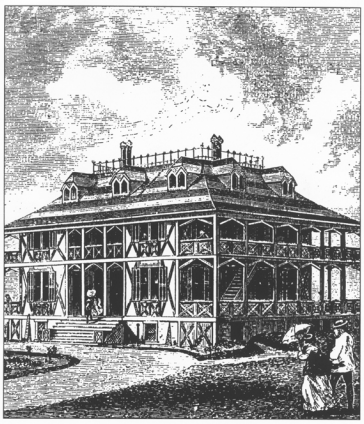
Sept 4th Whole-House Garage Sale to Benefit FLG

The Friends of Lake Garfield have a new best friend. Make that two—Laura and Thomas Mensi of 18 Sylvan Road. On Saturday September 4, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, they are garage-saleing the entire contents of their home and donating 100 percent of the proceeds to FLG.

Tables, chairs, couches, lamps, beds, linens, and on and on—make a shopping list and come on over. Rain or shine, it's all indoors. It's *everything must go so* bargains will abound!

The Friends of Lake Garfield are more than grateful for this opportunity to shore up our finances so that we may continue our efforts to preserve and protect Lake Garfield for all to enjoy. Thank you, Laura and Thomas.

— Hy Rosen



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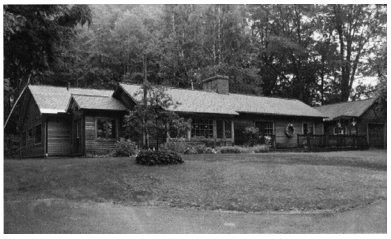

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LakeFest 2010: What a Perfect Day!

There always seems to be something to worry about: Will it be a nice day? Will there be enough food? Will there be a good turnout? What will I wear? (Okay, not an issue for Montereyans who prefer tie-dye to black tie.)

But as it happened, LakeFest 2010 turned out to be perfectly worry-free. At 75 degrees with the absence of a single cloud, the day rated a perfect ten.

The wonderful weather whipped many a young fisherman into action for the days' kick-off event, the kids'-under-12 fishing contest at the fish hatchery on River Road. The 18½-inch brown trout caught early in the day by nine-year-old Phoebe Bagdanoff looked like a sure winner . . . but hold on! With a mere four minutes left in the contest, nine-year-old Kate Lay was pulling awfully hard on her line. Was it a missing boot? A tree limb? NO! It was an 18¾ inch brown trout, edging her into first place by a fin! Three-year-old Lucas Sterns took third prize, a tackle box, which may likely house his match-box cars for the next few years.

By noon the beach was buzzing as prospective sandcastle builders were honing their skills. Not only did the event beautify the beach, but it produced some very happy young architects as "miraculously"' there were the exact number of categories for prizes as there were contestants!

And what could be more perfect on a most perfect day than a motorboat ride? Monterey's armada, with captains at the helms, took passengers around a gleaming Lake Garfield. For other adventurous boaters, kayaks were available, creating a colorful seascape for onlookers.

The face-painting booth, assisted by many budding artists, coaxed images of flowers, pussy cats, peace signs—you name it—to appear on various body parts of the young . . . and, um, on a few grandmas too. The drink table, the ecology table, and the booth offering light sticks, Friends of Lake Garfield canteens and posters provided additional interest all day long. Children with disposable cameras (courtesy of FLG) captured LakeFest through the curious eyes of kids.

If the lawn didn't call to you for a game of volleyball, it more than likely

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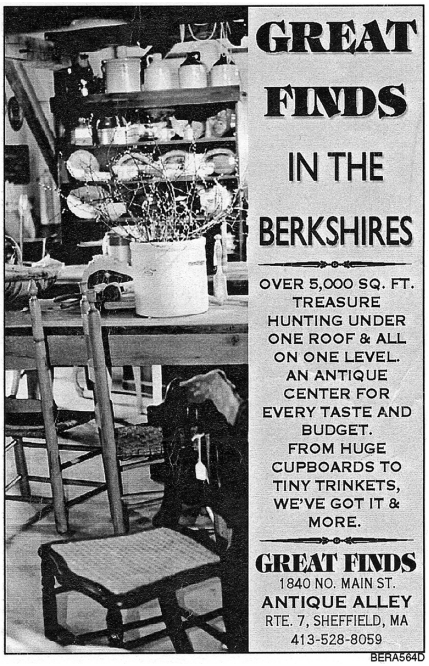

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Kate Lay, behind her winning catch at fishing derby.

got your attention when Roger the Jester took the field. It's easy to see why Roger has been drawing crowds for over thirty years! I watch in wonder every time. I can't wait to see him again next year.

And if we were a little worried about the food situation, we needn't have been. In past years, the potluck dinner was a focal point. "What would happen without it?" we wondered. What we found out was this—LakeFest is about the coming together of an extraordinary community of friendly and fun-loving people. Blankets and tables were brimming with BYO picnic baskets of goodies, and if you did happen to have a hunger pang, 400+ free hot dogs and hamburgers sizzled on the grill, exciting the salivary glands.

Would you believe with all this perfection, we still had David Grover and his band to look forward to! A delightful forty-minute set for the kids was followed by not one, but two sets for the adults, turning a perfect day into a perfect evening.

LakeFest is brought to you by the Friends of Lake Garfield with the support—financial, physical and emotional—of the Town of Monterey and the Monterey Park Commission.

All this could not have been accomplished without a little help from our friends. To all who unselfishly volunteered, we give thanks, kudos, accolades, cheers, applause, and a standing ovation.

Below are the names of those who made this event happen. But without the wonderful turnout, only the weather would have been a perfect ten.

So many thanks to Kenn Bassler, Steve Pullen, Mike Johnson, Leroy Thorpe and the Fish Hatchery Crew, Gerry Clarin who helped all day, Dean and Fran Amidon, helping year after year, Ed Salsitz and Fred Feingold manning the kayaks, motor boat captains Joe Crocco, Paul Gelbard, Elliot Small, Al Perlman, Richard Edelstein, Steve Schwartz, and Hy Rosen. A sizzling thank you to Ron and Liz Oppenheimer and Terry Salomon on the grill, Bob Rausch, Eve LaBelle, Judith Friedman, Nanette Hucknall, Carol Clarin, Sue Schmerler, Marc and Lenha La Belle, Pablo and Katie Rodriguez, Carol Husten, Wendy Benjamin, Ilene and Samantha Marcus, Emma Fried Greenwald, Judy Fried Greenwald, Indiva and Gary, budding artists, Robin Fried Greenwald, Jean Germaine and Mayra Rodriguez, Emily, Kate and Gabe, our lifeguards, AND the FLG steering committee—Julio Rodriguez, Pat Salomon, Pat Edelstein, and Hy Rosen—whose tireless efforts organize and orchestrate LakeFest . . . and anyone else we've unwittingly omitted.

— Myrna Rosen

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August Wildlife Report: Birds, Bears, Moose, & More

Bears in Monterey are getting to be such a common delight that some folks say they aren't bothering to tell us about them any more. We'll give you what bears we've got and you can just imagine all the rest.

Donna Putrino, a summer resident on the lake, saw two bears in Otis south of town. There was a very small cub way up a tree, hanging on spread-eagled, and the mother stood at the bottom looking up.

Back in July, Paula Harris of the old Corashire (or Avalon) schoolhouse wrote in to say she'd been on her porch when she heard a rustling and turned around to see a black bear who stood up on her hind legs and then shyly left the area, crossing Route 23 headed north. Paula has also seen a porcupine by Blue Hill Road but feels it to have been "not as exciting" as the bear.

On August 8, Michelle Arnot watched a black bear nibbling blueberries off a bush. This was on West Street, near Stump Road.

Monterey moose spotters include Wendy Benjamin of Hupi Road, who was visiting a friend on Hupi Woods Circle when she saw a moose lying down. Because it stayed this way for so long, Wendy fears this moose may not have been well (see left photo above, taken by David Newman). And Patrick Sheridan encountered a moose on Beartown Mountain, as evidenced by the right–hand moose photo above. Also, through a reliable third-hand report we learn that Pam and Bill Johnson have seen a moose, this one on Stevens Pond.

Over in Rawson Brook, Steve Snyder watched a large and a small otter snuffling and eating on August 22. That same day he also saw a parent opossum with several youngsters riding on its back. The youngsters were "not so small, about the size of rats," and all were wet from heavy rain. One big baby fell off, lost track of the rest of the family, and began making clicking sounds, probably specially to get reunited.

Three days later Steve saw a raccoon running out of the Town Shed, also a group of clucking turkeys by the Gould Farm sheep barn. There was a red-tailed hawk there, too.

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Richard Lucks of Norwalk Acres off Mt. Hunger Road has reported already about a local porcupine he's seen licking salt off the tires of the car in winter. Now on August 21 he's seen the same neighborly creature, he feels sure, in an apple tree.

Down by Lake Buel Sue Protheroe has seen her first flying squirrel. These common mammals are so nocturnal that many people never see them at all in their whole lives. Sue was lucky. She was cleaning out a birdhouse and the squirrel jumped out.

On New Marlborough Road, Anna Poirier keeps a bird and nature journal. In August she has seen a doe with two fawns, two Carolina wrens, two magnolia warblers, a red-eyed vireo, a scarlet tanager, a black-throated green warbler, an ovenbird, and a female blue-winged warbler. These were not all on the same day.

Here on east Hupi Road we found a mouse nest built about seven feet up on our huge overbuilt pole-bean trellis. There is plenty of cover in that bean foliage. The mouse nest was made of fibers from the strong twine that ties the poles of the trellis to each other. Thanks to this, the mighty trellis had fallen right down on top of the winter squash patch, where it did some damage.

Thanks to all who contributed their sightings. Please call yours in to Bonner McAllester, 528-9385, or email bmca@berkshire.net.

— Bonner McAllester

Music & More Events

On Saturday, September 4, at 4:30 p.m., Music & More presents pianist Xuerong Zhao at the Meeting House in New Marlborough. Ms. Zhao, an exciting young performer with a genuine flair for virtuosity, will play music by Domenico Scarlatti, Franz Liszt, Robert Schumann, and Johannes Brahms

Music & More is pleased to host Ms. Zhao's Berkshire debut performance.

On Saturday, September 11, at 4:30 p.m., Music & More presents the Apollo Trio in a chamber music concert. Comprised of violinist Curtis Macomber, cellist Michael Kannen, and pianist Marija Stroke, the trio will perform music by Haydn, Schumann, and Beethoven.

Performing together for over a decade, these three passionate and exciting musicians play a wide range of standard and new repertoire. They have been critically acclaimed for "vitality and poetic fire" and for "music making of stature and substance" by *Strad* Magazine, the definitive voice of the string music world, and London's *Daily Telegraph*, respectively.

Then, on Saturday, September 25, at 4:30 p.m., acclaimed cellist Keith Robinson and his frequent collaborator, pianist Donna Lee, will perform a concert of music by Beethoven, Shostakovich, and Mendelssohn. Keith Robinson has enjoyed a decades-long career as a soloist, recitalist, and chamber musician. He has appeared as soloist with orchestras from Paris to Panama, including the American Sinfonietta, the Miami Chamber Symphony, and the New World Symphony. Mr. Robinson recently recorded the complete works for cello and piano by Felix Mendelssohn with pianist Donna Lee, whom he has performed extensively with throughout the United States. They recently performed the complete works by Beethoven for cello and piano in Miami, Kent, and Las Vegas, and will perform the Beethoven Triple concerto in November.

Music & More will conclude its 2010 season on October 2 with a round- table discussion by three award-winning authors (hosted by Mitchel Levitas of the *New York Times*).

The events will take place in the historic Meeting House on the Green on Route 57 in New Marlborough. A wine reception will follow in the Meeting House Gallery. Tickets for each event are $25/$20. Students with ID and children with parents are admitted for free. Please visit www.newmarlborough.org or call 413.229.2785 for tickets, discounts, and information.

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In September and early October the South Berkshire Household Hazardous Waste Collaborative will hold two paint and oil collections and one comprehensive household hazardous waste collection for the sixteen participating towns, including Monterey. The Center for Ecological Technology (CET) will coordinate these collections.

Waste Oil Paint & Used Motor Oil Collections

Saturday, September 11: 9 to 11 am, Lenox DPW

Saturday, September 25: 9 to 11:30 am, Great Barrington Recycling Center

Acceptable materials are oil-based paint, stains, paint thinners, spray paint, and turpentine, as well as waste motor oil.

Comprehensive Collection

Saturday, October 2: 9 am to 1 pm, Great Barrington Recycling Center

From the workbench and garage, acceptable materials include oil-based paints, stains and varnishes, wood preservatives, paint strippers/thinners, solvent adhesives, lighter fluid, acid, fuels/gasoline/kerosene, antifreeze, degreasers, driveway sealer, brake fluid/carburetor cleaner, transmission fluid, car wax, polishes, roofing tar, pool chemicals, and fluorescent lamps.

From the yard and house, materials include poisons, insecticides, fungicides, fertilizers, weed killers, moth balls, flea control products, rubber cement, airplane glue, fiberglass resins, photo chemicals, chemistry sets, floor and metal polish, oven cleaner, drain and toilet cleaner, spot remover, rug and upholstery cleaner, hobby/artist supplies, mercury thermometers, thermostats, button batteries, and rechargeable batteries.

Televisions and computers will be accepted for a fee of $5 and up, depending on size. No console or big screen televisions will be accepted. Propane tanks up to 20 lbs will be accepted and the first 3 tanks per car are free. After that the tanks are $5 each. No other gas cylinders will be accepted. Products that contain mercury, such as fever thermometers and button batteries, found in watches and hearing aides, may also be brought to the collection. There will be a digital fever thermometer exchange (one per household) for mercury fever thermometers brought to this collection.

Rechargeable batteries, such as those used in cell phones and tools, will be accepted. Alkaline batteries may be disposed of with ordinary household trash.

Latex paint will not be accepted at any of these events. Empty cans can be recycled with scrap metal. Dried-up cans of latex paint can be disposed with the regular trash. Empty cans of oil-based paint, stains and solvents can be disposed with the regular trash as well. Usable paint can be given away through freecycle.org or some nonprofits.

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Concerto for an unknown poet

She was an almost daughter of spring
and the leaves she wove
fell all through her fifteen summers
always too soon;
all her moves seemed blighted –
her bicycle had three flats:
a concerto of failure on concrete
she sang off-key at sixteen
wept over her mother's lonely coffee-grinds
clumped and decaffeinated
in the dirty white plastic pail

she was myopic, poetic, and fat
and those last seasons were
a composition of pain
four movements in Hoboken:
the opening motif to the left of a hangnail
a green rubber bookstrap
and no Wordsworth, yet promising something
unique to her teacher –
an andante of disordered gloom
the despair of a city in March
yet tintinnabulating snownotes
and percussions of a hope

the allegro brought another spring:
(hayfever and itching eyes)
she lay across her bed with
swollen sinuses and vulva
as generous as an unpicked poppy
in some forgotten Elysian field;
she slept in tears and innocence
the allegro ma non troppo
gave a crescendo of flutes and jonquils;
she took her little brother
to the pond in the park
watched his plump black knees and listened to
his labored breathing
as he sailed his clothespin boats

and her great heart
like a clumsy hill
burst with a tenderness no music could bear!

let any conductor anywhere raise his baton this hour
to play for her a requiem
for that unseen beauty held
like a brave green balloon against
an awkward and embarrassed sky!

even the paper
messed up the three-line obituary
that two cousins read
the day after the funeral
which neither would have attended.

— A. O. Howell

(Howell's collected poems, *From the Archives of the Heart*, have just been published by Lindisfarne Books.)

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Words of Wisdom: Let It Be, Let It Be (John Lennon)

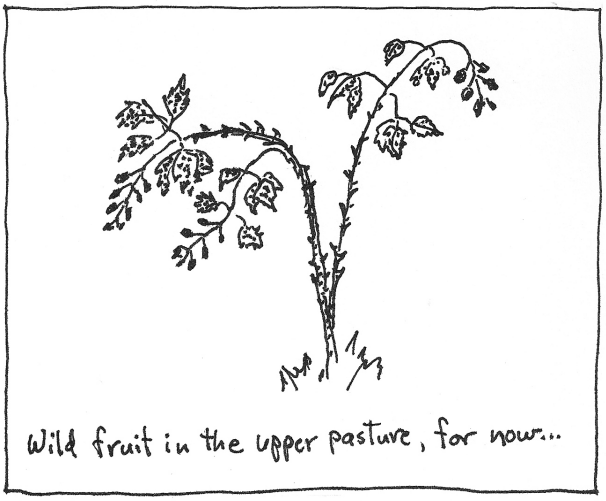
Clinton Walker Keyes, my Monterey grandpa, was an agriculturalist in the first half of the twentieth century. In those days, such people were called "farmers" and most times with some identifying specialty: dairy farmer, pig farmer, potato farmer. Keyes' father, George, was well known locally as a dairy farmer. He had a hillside barn and a lower-level milking parlor with wooden stanchions for about fourteen cows. Upstairs there were a couple of horse stalls. No tractors in his day. The cows went out to pasture down the hill out back where there was some level grazing just east of the end of a big lake.

The younger Keyes, third generation in this farming family, was the first to hold another job as well. The farm was secondary for him, and many of his friends knew him best as a teacher, a professor of classics at a big school in New York City. He came back to Monterey to see his farming old folks and helped out in the summers. When he inherited the farm himself, he ran it according to his own feel for farming. He called this practice "Masterly Neglect."

The upper hayfield along Hupi Road, sometimes planted to potatoes in years gone by, Keyes got mowed by another farmer, who paid him for the hay. After a time the deal swung to an even swap: mowing in exchange for the hay, no payment involved.

When the mower proposed he be given cash for his labor as well as the hay, Keyes put the upper pasture into Masterly Neglect. Farming is business, after all, whether you sit behind the plow or behind the desk.

A type of Masterly Neglect was continued by the next generation, mostly from behind the desk at another teaching job. But this professor enjoyed the Keyes place to the point of Ecstatic Adoration. This more accurately describes his farming practice. "Neglect" was not the word. He adored the place and went to it every chance he got. As a young man, he racked his brain for how to make a living there and tried selling short stories and nature articles.



These did not pay the taxes any better than Clinton Keyes' Masterly Neglect. The young professor kept his job and his desk. The productive old Keyes place sent him home with bushels of ecstasy whenever he visited, particularly when he stayed a few nights in his tipi by the swamp. On any farm, certain ground produces some crops particularly well. In this case it was the swamp and ecstasy.

The next generation to inherit the place headed right for fertile ground, settling first in a tipi beside a brook. They got so hooked on the ecstasy they forswore the distant desk and began clearing land. In the old upper pasture the poplars, red oaks, hemlocks, sugar maples, and white pines had thrived during Masterly Neglect and Ecstatic Adoration. The new fifth generation cut the trees in the pasture, dug out the stumps, planted crops and fruit trees.

These young farmers got rolling and brought in dairy goats and children, a sixth generation. They put a fence around the upper pasture for goat grazing. Dad Keyes' grazing land down by the lake had been flooded decades back by a dam built to increase lakeshore and property value. Keyes benefited some, sold off parts of the farm, paid his son's way through college and into the Masterly Neglect phase.

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Now, though, we were into 1970's style subsistence farming with a little cash from milk, cheese, eggs, strawberries, raspberries, and maple syrup. There was some local outdoor work off the farm: teaching, logging, building.

The fifth and sixth generations had a grand time, carrying on many of the past traditions: dairy, potatoes, syrup, adoration. Today, in the cyclical seasonal pattern of any life outdoors, the upper pasture is finding its way back. We grazed our dairy animals there and grew potatoes, too, knowing that Dad Keyes had found the ground good for this two generations back. With the sixth grown and gone to distant desks, we took the fences down and let that pasture go to wild blackberries. We have been, honestly, ecstatic over them the last couple of years. We see the poplars and pines coming along and know they'll be soon shading the brambles. We see our Monterey grandpa, Clinton Walker Keyes the professor, watching us from behind his old roll-top desk as we gobble down the fruits of our own version of his Masterly Neglect in that upper pasture.

This is anti-management, not agriculture. This is "Look what happens if you let it be!" Who is the teacher here? Professor Ma Nature in the farm school of "Never think this is all there is to what might happen here."

— Bonner J. McAllester

Former Montereyan Melissa Hamilton Weds

On August 7, 2010, Melissa Mae Hamilton, formerly of Monterey, and William Conrad Kolberg (from Trumansburg, New York) exchanged vows and were married among family and friends. A Blessing Ceremony followed, including a lively contra dance, model airplane flight tricks, lawn games, gourmet food, and leis fresh from Hawaii (a gift from William's daughter, Micki). The events took place in a barn overlooking sunlit fields and woodland. The pastor ended the Blessing Ceremony with the following: "Grant that all who have participated in this blessing today may find their lives strengthened, and all who are married may depart with their own promises renewed."

William was a former Peace Corps volunteer in Belize and works as an economics professor (specializing in natural resources) in Ithaca, NY. Melissa worked on the clinical team at Gould Farm from 1995–2003 and lived at the Berkshire Fish Hatchery. She continues to write and works in the field of advocacy. William and Melissa make their home in Trumansburg, New York, with four cats and a small brown dog named Lilly-Ann.

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Otis Cultural Council Grant Applications Due Oct 15

The Otis Cultural Council is now accepting applications for grants for the 2010–2011 funding cycle. These grants are funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council to give communities the opportunity to hire artists of all genres for performances and/or workshops that enhance the community. All Massachusetts artists and musicians are encouraged to apply.

Applications for grants, as well as for PASS (student field trip tickets), are available at the Otis Town Hall, as well as on the Otis website, www.townofotisma.com/culturalcouncil, and must be mailed to the Otis Cultural Council, Otis Town Hall, Box 237, Otis, MAA 01253, postmarked no later than Friday, October 15, 2010.

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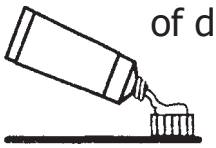

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Bidwell House Gala Tops Garden Party Season

The Romantic Garden Party Gala attendance on Saturday, August 7, surpassed all previous records, with about 350 guests who arrived in numbers to climb or ride up the long driveway on Wellman Road, across the manicured lawn, and through festive flower gardens to a spectacular outdoor reception. How did this come to be, almost like the situation of *Brideshead Revisited*? It was due to the generosity of Bill Brockman Real Estate, particularly Bill Brockman and Chapin Fish!

Planning and arrangements resulted in new levels of attendance, mostly to the credit of cochair persons Kathryn Roberts and Christine Goldfinger, not to mention the dedicated stewardship of Bidwell House Museum Executive Director, and Tyringham resident, Barbara Palmer, as well as president of the board of directors Rob Hoogs. Many others contributed as well and deserve standing ovations and accolades for a record-breaking event in a return to this location, the site of previous Bidwell Museum events for many years. Many who were there also fondly remembered the late Jack Jefferson, always a perfect host on every occasion.

Most popular of all were the intern guided tours of the magnificent landmark home, named Fiddletop when it was the summer residence of Boston Symphony conductor George Ormandy. And then there was the auction of antiques with the fast chatter of Charlie Flint from a dealership of the same name in Lenox, not to mention a silent auction of collectors' treasures and curators' donations. All together, the weather was spectacular, and the glory of the view of the rolling hills in the distance added to a generally high spirit, particularly to those who enjoyed the open bar.

The romantic atmosphere of blooming flowers attracted butterflies, social and botanical, as well as birds and bees. Soon, as in the song "The days grow short when you reach September," and all of this will fade from view. Then the garden party will be upstaged by the brilliant spectacle of fall leaves. However, we will already have had the pleasure of everyday exposure to nature, thanks to glorious garden parties all summer long, and one in particular—the season's most memorable event, held at Fiddletop for The Bidwell House Museum

— George B. Emmons

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Letter from DC

Mentee to Mentor

I work with students on a daily basis. Some send me questions that require only one email in response, and those exchanges make me feel useful; I helped them figure something out, and that's the end of the story. The days I answer multiple questions and empower students in our network are good ones; they make me feel accomplished. I've had a good day if some students got quick and useful answers. Recently, my role has gained a new dimension.

A few people in my life have told me it takes a village to raise a child (probably not my first time mentioning it in this column). To me, this means that for every stage in a child's life, or a young adult's journey, there is a person uniquely suited to help her or him thrive in that moment. There are no official credentials—and that is evident in those who provide that support. You may be a mentor without knowing it—sometimes it is impossible to identify a magic sentence that makes you a mentor. You contribute something to a person's life, and in an invaluable way, which makes you a mentor to that person; he or she looks to you for guidance and respects you. At twenty-three, it seems impossible I fall into this category.

Just over one year out of school, I wonder, when did I become that person? Sometime this past semester, by college terms, I became someone on staff that students trusted. When I use the word trust, I mean the relationships become personal—they see me as having a significant role in their lives, and they see more than an employer and leader. I gain respect by responding to them, primarily on a professional level: here's how to do this, you need to do this to get this, and these basics are easy. Beyond that however, I notice that some students, maybe staff more specifically, are beginning to open up to me, or talk to me on a more mentee-mentor relationship. I recognize this now and realize that I value this above all else in my job—that as a professional, I can connect to them as young people seeking guidance. The Roosevelt Institute Campus Network means a myriad of things to me, but fundamentally, it is about empowering, and listening to, young people.

The narratives that particularly inspire me are those of students who tell me about their personal lives, and who describe what Roosevelt did for them. I will do anything for them, because they are people in my eyes, not employees, staffers, or just young leaders. They are—we are—the future.

I'm in Seattle now, vacationing with family. These family members are some mentors in my life, and what they teach me, I translate to others without knowing it. All the mentors, members of my village, are teaching individuals beyond myself. I have so many: parents, extended farm family, the town of Monterey; I am not making stuff up as I go along, I've learned it, and I'm honored to share it with others. There is nothing more humbling than to hear someone's personal life story and realize that person respects and trusts you that much. It is the greatest joy I can imagine. If you mentor people, in any capacity, I hope you take pride in that. It is a gift, and I am sure they thank you for it, wherever they are.

— Tarsi Dunlop

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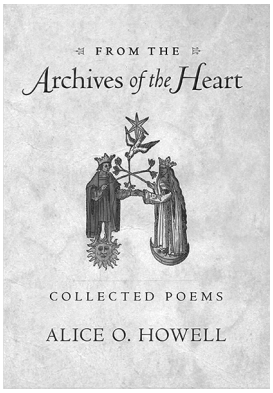

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The Community Garden Bears Fruit

If you're driving by the Monterey Community Garden anytime soon, stop in to take a look. We have truly transformed an open lot into a fertile and productive place to cultivate fruits, vegetables, and new friends.

A few weeks ago the community gardeners got together on a Sunday afternoon to eat and chat about our summer experiences. After the intense work of the spring and early summer, many of the gardeners hadn't seen each other in weeks. We felt like ships passing in the night as we each went to harvest our lettuce or beans or early tomatoes. So we had a little soiree, complete with lemonade and lots of homemade goodies.

We had a little meeting at the same time; it was quite the ridiculous idea to conduct any business with everyone so happily chatting away with fellow gardeners, but we tried it anyway. I wanted to know how they felt about their time in the garden—here is a sampling of their answers:

"I'm often here alone, and I find it calming. It's very much like a meditation to work here on my own."

"For me the best part is to look at everyone's plots and see how all of our vegetables are progressing."

Lemonade break (cw from lower left around table): Carol Ingher, Nancy Beach, Colta Ives, Bonner McAllester, Kate Ryan, Kenn Basler, Kate Basler, Toby Frank, Peter Heller. Back row: Glynis Marsh, Cora Baker, Joe Baker. (Photo by Ruth Green)

"Six-thirty in the morning is my favorite time here. The garden is so quiet then. By the way, what is that alfalfa about?"

"It's oats, actually. You're all invited to the harvest."

"Something's been eating my tomatoes! Does anyone know what might have gotten in here?"

"I suspect a chipmunk, or the birds. The birds have been loitering around my beans big time!"

"I wouldn't be able to face the weeds by myself at home."

"I couldn't have this garden at home—too little sun and way too many deer. This is working out just fine for me."

All too soon we will have to think about harvesting our last crops before frost, but for now we are having one very productive summer!

— Ruth Green

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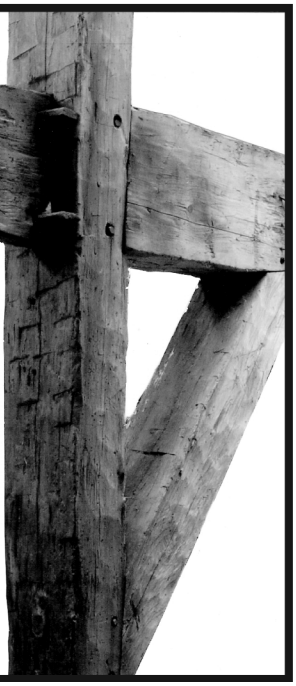

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Monterey summer 2010, the Community Garden (cw from top left): the early perspective; Jen and Jamie Odegaard and Bonner McAllester talking gardening with friends; Christine Clark and Colta Ives checking out Colta's plot; Joe and Cora Baker and the garden plots; Glynis Marsh, a happy gardener. (Photos by Ruth Green)

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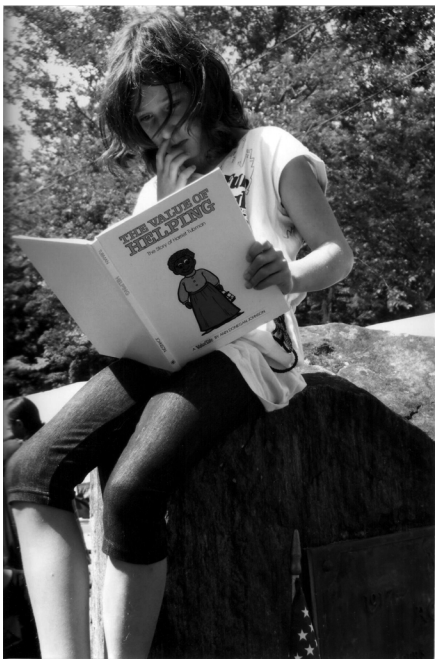
The Berkshire Environmental Endowment Fund of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation is accepting applications through September 29. In 2010, the Berkshire Environmental Endowment Fund will award $4,500 and invites applications from grassroots organizations for an educational project that will engage Berkshire County youth with water quality and related land resources. Preference is given to projects that will serve as a catalyst to broaden educational opportunities and are likely to have a lasting connection with other educational and environmental programs.

Applications are available online at www.berkshiretaconic.org/grantseekers or by calling 413-229-0370.

Berkshire County is unique not only in Massachusetts, but in New England, for the abundance and diversity of its natural resources. The two major watersheds for the Housatonic and Hoosic rivers contain extensive wetlands unlike any others, including bogs and fens that in turn support unusual plants. Much of Berkshire County is undeveloped and is blessed with a population of residents and visitors who treasure its natural environment. The Berkshire Environmental Endowment (BEE) is the first permanent source of funding for environmental quality in the Berkshires.

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation launched BEE early in 2000 with a significant grant from the Massachusetts Environmental Trust, matched by funds from a number of individuals in Berkshire County.



Making bookmarks, reading at Monterey Library book sale (photos Jean Germain).

Otis Community Garden

The members of the Otis Community Garden are finally getting to enjoy the first fruits of their labors. After a rocky start (literally, we had to clear the land of large rocks before we could even begin to work the soil) we are now distributing lettuce, radishes, squash, and a variety of herbs both to our members and to those in our community who would otherwise be unable to enjoy the fresh vegetables that are so plentiful in the Berkshires this time of year. In future weeks, tomatoes, carrots, beets, beans, and peas will be added to our menu. Our produce is grown naturally, without chemicals, providing locally grown healthy, fresh foods.

— Debbie Harris

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A Few Rotten Apples

To the Editor:

For years the Monterey Post Office did not have trash bins, due, apparently, to incorrect refuse disposal by a few people. Then a new policy was adopted so that, like every other town in the Berkshires, Monterey, too, could have trash bins in our post office. I liked the convenience of being able to dispose of junk mail right there, not having to take it home to throw it away.

Now, however, the trash bins are gone again because a few people systematically ignored the warning signs not to dispose of coffee cups and other inappropriate trash. Whoever you are out there, you whose behavior is inappropriate and selfish, must be chastised for violating simple rules that define a civilized community. I hope you are ashamed.

— Laurily K. Epstein

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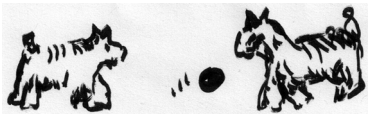

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Every Sunday through October: Softball at Greene Park, 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 4:

SHINDIG! Community potluck, 6 pm, and contradance, 7:30 pm, Monterey Firehouse Pavilion.

Garage Sale to Benefit FLG, 9 am–3 pm, 18 Sylvan Road. See p. 7.

Monterey Cemeteries and Grave Markers, talk and guided tour by genealogist and cemetery historian Cynthia Tryon Hoogs. 10 am, Bidwell House Museum, 100 Art School Road. $15 ($10 for members). Picnic lunch available. For more information: 413-528-6888. See p. 6.

Concert by classical pianist Xuerong Zhao, 4:30 pm, New Marlborough Meeting House. See p. 11.

Saturday, September 11: Chamber music concert by Apollo Trio, 4:30 pm, New Marlborough Meeting House. See p. 11.

Thursday, September 16:

Monterey Cultural Council public input meeting, 4 pm, Town Hall Meeting Room. See p. 5.

Free Blood Pressure Clinic with Berkshire Visiting Nurse Assoc., Town Hall Meeting Room, 2–3 pm.

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Sunday, September 19: Brett Road Historical Walk with Bernard Drew, 1 pm. Meet at Swann Lodge parking lot, Brett Road; see p. 5.

Monday, September 20: Inauguration ceremony for new salt shed at town garage, Gould Road, 7 pm. Everyone invited.

Tuesday, September 21:

Community meditation to observe International Day of Peace, 7:45–8 am, Lake Garfield Town Beach (church sanctuary in case of rain). See p. 6.

CHP Free Health Screening, 10 am–noon. Town Hall Meeting Room.

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July 26–August 25

High temp. (8/9)	85°
Low temp. (7/31)	49°
Avg. high temp.	76.3°
Avg. low temp.	56.7°
Avg. temp.	66.5°
Total rainfall	3.4 in.

Rainfall occurred on 15 days.

Saturday, September 25:

Square and contra dancing, 8:30–11:30 p.m., Dewey Hall, Rt. 7, Sheffield. Music by Mountain Laurel, caller Joe Baker. All dances are taught; beginners and children are welcome. Adults $8–10, children $5. Information 528-9385.

Classical music concert by cellist Keith Robinson pianist Donna Lee, 4:30 pm, New Marlborough Meeting House. See p. 11.

Saturday, October 2: Historic Stone Wall Walk, a guided walk and talk by Rob Hoogs, 10 am, Bidwell House Museum, 100 Art School Road. $15 ($10 for members). Picnic lunch available. For more information: 413-528-6888. See p. 6.

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